A Propoſal to Noblemen, Gentlemen and others, who are willing to ſubſcribe towards Dr. Moriſon's *New* Univerſal Herbal, *ordering* Plants *according to a new and true Method, never publiſhed heretofore.*

WHereas *Robert Moriſon* Dr. of Phyſick, Botanick to his Majeſty, and Profeſſor of that Science in the Univerſity of *Oxford*, hath, by his aſſiduous and long obſervation, diſcover'd a more eaſie and Scientifical Method of knowing *Plants* out of the *Book of Nature*, according to the different forms of their *Flowers, Seeds* and *Seed-pods*, than hath ever yet been publiſhed; whereof he hath lately (to the great ſatisfaction of the Learned, both at home and al ready given an *Eſſay* in one of the moſt difficult *Claſſes*: And being now deſirous, for the advancing and facilitating that part of *Natural Hiſtory*, which hath hitherto been ſo tedious and diſcouraging to Students of that Science, for the honor of this our famous Iſland, and for the Increaſe of Learning, chiefly in the Univerſities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, with all poſſible ſpeed to finiſh and put out the whole Work; which, by reaſon of the exceſſive charge of *Deſigning*, *Graving*, and *Printing*, he is not able to perform without the aſſiſtance of ſuch Noblemen and Gentlemen, as are deſirous to further and encourage this great Work: He therefore doth hereby engage to Noblemen and Gentlemen, or others, who ſhall be pleaſed to favour him with one Plate of five pounds, that an Honourable memorial ſhall be made of them, by engraving their Coat of Arms on their reſpective Plates (as is already done to others in the forementioned Eſſay, as likewiſe in an hundred Plates and upward, of the five Sections now in hand;) and that a Book ſhall be deliver'd to each of them conſiſting of the ſaid five compleat Sections, making 116 Plates cut in *Taille douce*, containing 1450 Plants, together with their Doctrine, according to his new and truly modelled Method: And at the paying down their five pounds, each one ſhall receive one of his Specimens *Umbellarum*, &c. together with a Receipt under the Propoſer's hand, obliging him to furniſh to each Subſcriber or his Aſſigns the aforeſaid five Sections complete, with their Doctrine, they furniſhing him with their Coat of Arms blazoned, to be engraven under their reſpective Coats, And we, whoſe Names are hereto ſubſcribed, do hereby engage our ſelves to the ſaid *Robert Moriſon*, to pay, upon demand, towards this Work, each of us, the ſum of five pounds for one Plate.

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The Author finding, that he hath employed almoſt three years in engraving 108 *Plates, the firſt two years carrying on the Work but ſlowly, and that partly for want of good and diligent Gravers; and now this laſt year, finding ſome Strangers both diligent and able, who joyned with ſome Artiſts of our own, we now want only the encouragement of Subſcribers, for paying the Painters and Gravers, to finiſh the whole Work in as ſhort a time as can be poſſibly allowed: Which makes us earneſtly wiſh, that other Noblemen and Gentlemen, who have not ſubſcribed as yet, would follow the Example of thoſe that have done ſo and paid; and their reſpective Coats ſhall be engraved with the others.*

Beſides, the Propoſer herewith ſignifies to all thoſe that have ſubſcribed to this Work, and have paid their mony, that though he hath already 108 *Plates (of the five* Sections *to be deliver'd) engraven, yet he wants the payment of* 20 *Plates from ſo many Subſcribers; and that he goes on with the Gravers; but that thoſe who have ſubſcribed long ago, and have not as yet paid, are the cauſe why the five Sections are not finiſh't ere now: Wherefore they are deſired to pay in their mony with all ſpeed, (as others have done,) according to their Subſcriptions.*

The five Sections are theſe.

PRima *Sectio continet Scandentes Bacciferas Edules & non Edules; Scandentes Lacteſcentes Campanulatas ſeu Convolvulos; Scandentes Pomiferas Edules & Purgantes. Componit* Tabb. 6.

Secunda *continet Legumina ſeu Siliquoſas Papilionaceas Bicapſulares, & legumina Trifoliata ſeu Trifolia leguminoſa*; Tabulis 20.

Tertia *continet Siliquoſas & Siliculoſas Tetrapetalas Bicapſulares*; Tabb. 24

Quarta *continet Tricapſulares Hexapetalas*; Tabulis 28.

Quinta *continet Tricapſulares Lacteſcentes Campanulatas, Corniculatas & Caleatas; Tricapſulares Pentapetalas; Bicapſulares Monopetalas; & Bicapſulares cum ritu anteriùs, ſine calcari & cum calcari, poſteriùs; Pentapetalas quinque-capſulares; Pentapetalas ſeminibus orbiculariter cingentibus ſtilum nutritivum; Pentapetalas Unicapſulares; Plantas flore herbaceo præditas ſemine triquetro, & ſemine lucido nigro*; Tabulis 34.

Errata left uncorrected in *Numb.* 113.

P. 302. l. 43. dele *colon* after *fruit*, and place it after, *the Sieur le Gendre*; and then read on thus, *He, and the French Gardiner.* p. 303. l. 22. r. *in all perfection, all the year.* p. 304. l. 6. inſtead of *further*, read, *Here I am plunged. Our Author, it ſeems, having*, &c. ibid. l. 36. r. *reprinted* 1655.

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